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**Subject:** Morning Consult Energy, Presented by the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity: EPA Halting Mine Investigations; Exxon Mobil Settles Over 2013 Charges

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## Today's Washington Brief

- The Environmental Protection Agency has halted all field investigations of abandoned mines like the one that led to last week's Animas River spill in Colorado. There are around 500 thousand abandoned mines around the country. EPA did not say how many mine investigations are currently being conducted. ([the New York Times](#))

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## Today's Business Brief

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## General

[Animas River lawsuit against EPA ‘on the table,’ Colorado AG says](#)  
from the Denver Post by Jesse Paul

Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman said Wednesday that a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency is “certainly on the table” the Environmental Protection Agency is “certainly on the table” after a massive wastewater spill caused by the agency last week fouled the Animas River.

[After Colorado Waste Spill, E.P.A. Halts Field Investigations](#)  
from the New York Times by Julie Turkewitz

The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking an independent review of a spill on Aug. 5 that released more than three million gallons of toxic waste.

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[U.S. Index Futures Advance as China Eases Devaluation Concerns](#)  
from Bloomberg by Camila Russo

U.S. stock-index futures climbed, signaling equities will track a rebound in global markets, after the Chinese central bank indicated it will support the yuan.

## Oil & Natural Gas

[Oil price up on US stock draws](#)  
from CNBC by Reuters

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